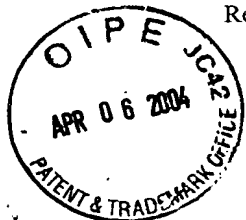


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2004, and the Advisory Action mailed March 23, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the complete listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.